



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 23, 2005

### COOL TEMPERATURES SLOW CROP DEVELOPMENT

Rainfall on Friday stopped field work and eliminated the surface soil drought conditions that had developed. **Corn** is developing slowly due to cool temperatures and **soybeans** are emerging slowly for the same reason. There is trouble timing **hay** cuttings because of showers every other day.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 61 percent good and 17 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

**Pastures** are reported in generally fair to good condition with 3 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 49 percent good and 19 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 6 percent very short, 10 percent short and 80 percent adequate and 4 percent excellent.

### DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	99	96	99	96
Wheat Headed	88	55	90	81
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	81	36	58	51
Cucumbers	33	25	33	23
Lima Beans (Processed)	27	20	17	21
Snap Beans	24	22	56	52
Sorghum	37	3	28	19
Soybeans	24	9	26	19
Sweet Corn	50	43	48	55
Tomatoes	72	36	67	53
Watermelons	84	44	68	51
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Strawberries	97	93	98	96
Field Corn:				
Planted	92	85	89	88
Emerged	68	43	80	68

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	2	92	6
Topsoil (2004)	5	32	37	25
Five Year Average	5	18	56	21
Subsoil Moisture	-	4	93	3
Subsoil (2004)	-	4	93	3
Five Year Average	4	18	71	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	2.03	16.55	1.32	74	41	59	-6
Easton	2.76	21.97	4.87	76	47	61	-6
Frederick	0.74	14.45	-0.05	76	42	59	-3
Frostburg	1.37	16.73	-1.18	69	36	53	-5
Hagerstown	0.85	11.57	-2.76	76	38	57	-7
Mechanicsville	3.36	17.88	0.80	72	45	58	-7
Patuxent River	2.23	16.08	0.75	76	49	62	-4
Ocean City	3.59	17.99	0.62	79	44	59	-7
Salisbury	4.05	18.71	1.69	78	38	58	-7
Sharpsburg	0.72	13.80	-0.70	76	39	56	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.87	17.86	3.97	75	46	61	-7
Delaware							
Dover	3.34	18.73	2.30	75	43	58	-7
Georgetown	4.25	17.27	0.45	77	45	59	-5
Wilmington	1.67	16.74	1.22	75	41	59	-6

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.